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JP 05-267567 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,290,609.

JP 11-163282 is discussed on pages 1 and 3 of the specification of the present application.

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